

REMARKS

The Office Action mailed September 29, 2009, and made Final, has been carefully reviewed and the foregoing Amendment and following remarks have been made in consequence thereof.

Claims 1-3, 5-7, 9, 10, 12-15, and 18-22 are now pending in this application. Claims 1-3, 5-7, 9, 10, 12-15, and 18-22 stand rejected.

The rejection of Claims 7, 9, 10, and 12 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,471,091 (Unverzagt) is respectfully traversed.

Unverzagt describes a label holding and dispensing device 10 that includes a strap 24 that has a first end 26, a second end 28, an outer surface 34, and an inner surface 32. A fastening member 36 removably fastens inner surface 32 to outer surface 34. Fastening member 36 includes a hook and loop fastening means. A securing member 38 removably secures a housing 12 to strap 24. Securing member 38 includes a hook and loop fastening means. Strap 24 has a length between 5 and 9 inches. Notably, Unverzagt does not describe nor suggest a golf glove drying apparatus that includes a body and a first edge that is longer than a second edge, wherein the body is configured to couple to a frame support having a frame longitudinal axis extending therethrough such that the first edge is substantially parallel to the frame longitudinal axis and the second edge substantially circumscribes the support.

Claim 7 recites a golf glove drying apparatus comprising “a first end, an opposing second end, a body extending from said first end to said second end, a first edge extending from said first end to said second end, and a second edge that is substantially perpendicular to said first edge, said first edge is longer than said second edge . . . said body is configured to couple to the frame support such that said first edge is substantially parallel to the frame longitudinal axis and said second edge substantially circumscribes the support....”

Applicant respectfully submits that Unverzagt does not describe nor suggest a golf glove drying apparatus as is recited in Claim 7. Specifically, Unverzagt does not describe nor suggest a golf glove drying apparatus that includes a body and a first edge that is longer than a second edge, wherein the body is configured to couple to a frame support having a frame longitudinal axis extending therethrough such that the first edge is substantially parallel to the

frame longitudinal axis and the second edge substantially circumscribes the support. Rather, in contrast to the invention, Unverzagt merely describes a device that includes a body and a first edge that is shorter than a second edge when the device is in use. (Emphasis added).

For at least the reasons set forth above, Claim 7 is submitted to be patentable over Unverzagt.

Claims 9, 10, and 12 depend from independent Claim 7. When the recitations of Claims 9, 10, and 12 are considered in combination with the recitations of Claim 7, Applicant respectfully submits that dependent Claims 9, 10, and 12 likewise are patentable over Unverzagt.

For at least the reasons set forth above, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection of Claims 7, 9, 10, and 12 under Section 103 be withdrawn.

The rejection of Claims 7, 9, 10, and 12 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over U.S. Patent No. 6,499,227 (Jacobson) in view of Unverzagt is respectfully traversed.

Jacobson describes a sports glove drying device including a strap (35) that is wrapped about a pole (20) of a golf cart (15). Strap (35) includes a rigid first end (34) and a flexible second end (32). After strap (35) is wrapped around pole (20), second end (32) is pulled through a latch (70) to secure strap (35) against pole (20) such that first end (34) extends rigidly outward from pole (20) to suspend a card (40) therefrom. Notably, Jacobson does not describe nor suggest a golf glove drying apparatus that includes a body and a first edge that is longer than a second edge, wherein the body is configured to couple to a frame support having a frame longitudinal axis extending therethrough such that the first edge is substantially parallel to the frame longitudinal axis and the second edge substantially circumscribes the support.

Unverzagt is described above.

Claim 7 is recited above.

Applicant respectfully submits that no combination of Jacobson and Unverzagt describes nor suggests a golf glove drying apparatus as is recited in Claim 7. Specifically, no combination of Jacobson and Unverzagt describes nor suggests a golf glove drying apparatus that includes a body and a first edge that is longer than a second edge, wherein the body is

configured to couple to a frame support having a frame longitudinal axis extending therethrough such that the first edge is substantially parallel to the frame longitudinal axis and the second edge substantially circumscribes the support. Rather, in contrast to the invention, Jacobson and Unverzagt each describes a device that includes a body and a first edge that is shorter than a second edge when the device is in use. (Emphasis added).

For at least the reasons set forth above, Claim 7 is submitted to be patentable over Jacobson in view of Unverzagt.

Claims 9, 10, and 12 depend from independent Claim 7. When the recitations of Claims 9, 10, and 12 are considered in combination with the recitations of Claim 7, Applicant respectfully submits that dependent Claims 9, 10, and 12 likewise are patentable over Jacobson in view of Unverzagt.

For at least the reasons set forth above, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection of Claims 7, 9, 10, and 12 under Section 103 be withdrawn.

The rejection of Claims 1-3, 5, 6, 13-15, and 18-22 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over Jacobson in view of Unverzagt as applied to Claim 1 above and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 3,587,570 (Kilbey) is respectfully traversed.

Jacobson and Unverzagt are described above.

Kilbey describes a pelvic traction device 10 that includes a first end portion 18 and a second end portion 20. First end portion 18 includes two strips 22 and 24 of a pile material for a fabric fastener. Second end portion 20 includes two strips 26 and 28 of a hook material for a fabric fastener. A plurality of strips 36, 38, 40, 42, 44, and 46 are coupled to device 10. Each strip 36, 38, 40, 42, 44, and 46 includes a pad 48 of pile material for a fabric fastener. A first end of a pulling strap 50 is coupled to device 10 and a second end of strap 50 is looped through a D-ring 58, folded back, secured with a loop 60. A length of strap 50 is adjusted by pulling on a free end of strap 50 to push a pelvic bone of a patient towards the patient's feet to stretch a spine of the patient. Notably, Kilbey does not describe nor suggest a golf glove drying apparatus that includes a body and a first edge that is longer than a second edge, wherein the body is configured to couple to a frame support having a frame longitudinal axis extending therethrough such that the first edge is substantially parallel to the frame longitudinal axis and the second edge substantially circumscribes the support.

Claim 1 recites a golf cart comprising “a golf cart frame support having at least one external surface and defining a longitudinal axis . . . and an apparatus for coupling a glove to said support, said apparatus comprising a first end, an opposing second end, a body extending from said first end to said second end, a first edge extending from said first end to said second end, and a second edge that is substantially perpendicular to said first edge, said first edge is longer than said second edge . . . said body coupled to said support such that said first edge is substantially parallel to said longitudinal axis and said second edge substantially circumscribes said support....”

Applicant respectfully submits that no combination of Jacobson, Unverzagt, and Kilbey describes nor suggests a golf cart as is recited in Claim 1. Specifically, no combination of Jacobson, Unverzagt, and Kilbey describes nor suggests a golf cart that includes an apparatus including a body and a first edge that is longer than a second edge, wherein the body is configured to couple to a frame support having a frame longitudinal axis extending therethrough such that the first edge is substantially parallel to the frame longitudinal axis and the second edge substantially circumscribes the support. Rather, in contrast to the invention, Jacobson, Unverzagt, and Kilbey each describes a device that includes a body and a first edge that is shorter than a second edge when the device is in use. (Emphasis added).

For at least the reasons set forth above, Claim 1 is submitted to be patentable over Jacobson in view of Unverzagt and further in view of Kilbey.

Claims 2, 3, 5, 6, 18, and 19 depend directly or indirectly from independent Claim 1. When the recitations of Claims 2, 3, 5, 6, 18, and 19 are considered in combination with the recitations of Claim 1, Applicant respectfully submits that dependent Claims 2, 3, 5, 6, 18, and 19 likewise are patentable over Jacobson in view of Unverzagt and further in view of Kilbey.

Claims 20 and 21 depend directly or indirectly from Claim 7, which is recited above.

Applicant respectfully submits that no combination of Jacobson, Unverzagt, and Kilbey describes nor suggests a golf glove drying apparatus as is recited in Claim 7. Specifically, no combination of Jacobson, Unverzagt, and Kilbey describes nor suggests a golf glove drying apparatus that includes a body and a first edge that is longer than a second edge, wherein the body is configured to couple to a frame support having a frame

longitudinal axis extending therethrough such that the first edge is substantially parallel to the frame longitudinal axis and the second edge substantially circumscribes the support. Rather, in contrast to the invention, Jacobson, Unverzagt, and Kilbey each describes a device that includes a body and a first edge that is shorter than a second edge when the device is in use. (Emphasis added).

For at least the reasons set forth above, Claim 7 is submitted to be patentable over Jacobson in view of Unverzagt and further in view of Kilbey.

When the recitations of Claims 20 and 21 are considered in combination with the recitations of Claim 7, Applicant respectfully submits that dependent Claims 20 and 21 likewise are patentable over Jacobson in view of Unverzagt and further in view of Kilbey.

Claim 13 recites a method of drying a damp golf glove, the method comprising “providing a golf cart frame support that includes a longitudinal axis extending therethrough . . . providing an apparatus that includes a first end, an opposing second end, a body extending from the first end to the second end, a first edge extending from the first end to the second end, and a second edge that is substantially perpendicular to the first edge . . . coupling the apparatus to the support such that the first edge is substantially parallel to the longitudinal axis and the second edge substantially circumscribes the support....”

Applicant respectfully submits that no combination of Jacobson, Unverzagt, and Kilbey describes nor suggests a method of drying a damp golf glove as is recited in Claim 13. Specifically, no combination of Jacobson, Unverzagt, and Kilbey describes nor suggests coupling an apparatus that includes a body and a first edge that is longer than a second edge to a support having a frame longitudinal axis extending therethrough such that the first edge is substantially parallel to the frame longitudinal axis and the second edge substantially circumscribes the support. Rather, in contrast to the invention, Jacobson, Unverzagt, and Kilbey each describes providing a device that includes a body and a first edge that is shorter than a second edge when the device is in use. (Emphasis added).

For at least the reasons set forth above, Claim 13 is submitted to be patentable over Jacobson in view of Unverzagt and further in view of Kilbey.

Claims 14, 15, and 22 depend from independent Claim 13. When the recitations of Claims 14, 15, and 22 are considered in combination with the recitations of Claim 13,

Applicant respectfully submits that dependent Claims 14, 15, and 22 likewise are patentable over Jacobson in view of Unverzagt and further in view of Kilbey.

In addition, Applicant respectfully submits that the Section 103 rejection of the presently pending claims is not a proper rejection. No combination of Jacobson, Unverzagt, and Kilbey describes nor suggests a teaching, suggestion, motivation, or rationale supporting the combination. More specifically, it is asserted at page 8 of the Office Action that “[t]he claims would have been obvious because the substitution of one known element for another would have yielded predictable results to one ordinary skilled in the art at the time of the invention.” Applicant respectfully traverses this assertion.

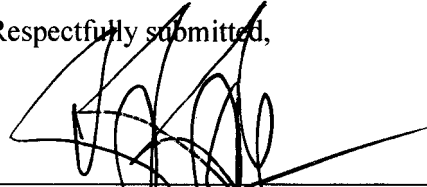
Nowhere does Kilbey describe nor suggest removably coupling other golf equipment to an apparatus using at least one third fastening mechanism as is recited in Claim 13. Rather, Kilbey describes adjusting a strap 50 by pulling on a free end of strap 50 to push a pelvic bone of a patient towards the patient’s feet to stretch a spine of the patient. See, e.g., column 2, lines 51-73. As such, Applicant respectfully submits that Kilbey describes a device that includes a strap including a D-ring and a loop to adjust a length of the strap. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that substituting the strap, D-ring, and/or loop as described by Kilbey would not have yielded predictable results to one of ordinary skill in the art.

For at least the reasons set forth above, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection of Claims 2 and 9 under Section 103 be withdrawn.

For at least the reasons set forth above, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection of Claims 1-3, 5, 6, 13-15, and 18-22 under Section 103 be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing amendment and remarks, all the claims now active in this application are believed to be in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and favorable action is respectfully solicited. Should this application require an Examiner Amendment to be in condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned to discuss any matters relating to the allowance of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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